

Hauliers claim bridge weight curbs will cost £44m a year

Tighter weight restrictions on road bridges expected as a result of a new safety code would cost industry an extra £44 million a year by forcing lorries to use alternative routes, according to a survey by the British Road Federation (BRF), published yesterday.

There are about 50,000 bridges on trunk and minor roads built before the 1920s which will need repairs before lorries can use them, the BRF said.

The number of bridges with weight restrictions is likely to double as a result. The BRF urged the Government to embark on a £400 million 10-year repair programme, or force firms to foot even heavier haulage bills.

The survey was conducted in June, when questionnaires were sent to local authorities in England and Wales, who are responsible for all roads other than trunk roads and motorways.

Bridges built before national loading standards were introduced in 1922 were designed for only a small amount of traffic. According to Department of Transport figures, traffic volumes have doubled since the early 1970s, the last time an extensive bridge strengthening programme was carried out.

"The fact that these older bridges have survived so long

is a tribute to how strongly they were built, but the time has come, in the light of the new weight restriction code, when money has got to be spent on repairing them," Mr Andrew Street, a BRF economist who organized the survey, said.

"We've concluded that if the Government were to fund a £400 million repair programme it would pay for itself because of cost savings to industry."

"The alternative would be to put weight restrictions on bridges, and lorries would have to divert elsewhere, which would cost money."

The department, which has responsibility for trunk roads and motorways, has ordered safety checks on 200 concrete motorway bridges built in the past 20 years after the discovery of problems on 36 bridges, mainly in the Midlands and the South-west, caused by the corrosive effects of road salt used for de-icing or by certain combinations of building materials which can cause a chemical reaction leading to decay.

"It's not critical in the sense that they are going to fall down tomorrow, but we're aware of a problem on a number of concrete bridges and the checks will enable us to see its extent," a spokesman for the Department of Transport said.

Threat to rare barn allayed by judge

The whereabouts of a rare historic barn threatened with export to the United States remained unknown yesterday, in spite of a High Court ban on it leaving the country.

In an action brought by Leominster District Council, injunctions were granted against British Historic Buildings and SPS Shipping, exporters, who gave undertakings to disclose the whereabouts of the timbers, valued at £100,000, and to allow the council to inspect them.

The grade two listed building stood for 500 years at Siagbatch Farm, near Leominster, and is said to be the finest example of 12 remaining cruck-framed barns in Hereford and Worcester.

Last week, when the council discovered it had been taken down without permission prior to export, it was granted a temporary injunction.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Hoffmann said that the injunction should continue, pending a High Court action later this year about the future of the building.

The council has issued an enforcement notice requiring the barn to be rebuilt.

The judge said that the council had an arguable case for the granting of temporary injunctions, pending a decision by the department or the courts. If the barn was allowed to be exported and the council was subsequently found to be entitled to injunctions, "part of the architectural heritage of Herefordshire will have been irretrievably lost," he said.



The Rev Martin Reynolds, vicar of Pontyclun and Talygarn, examines the Byzantine mosaic with Miss Louise Mansford, conservator at the National Museum of Wales.

Byzantine mosaic found in church

The accidental discovery of a Byzantine mosaic promises solvency and salvation for the Welsh church where it has hung for almost a century.

Conservation experts will today begin removing the oval gold and tiled saint's head from the wall of St Anne's in Talygarn so that it can be taken to the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff for safekeeping and public display later this year. The mosaic has not been valued but is being insured for £30,000.

It has been identified as a piece missing from the vast

eleventh century depiction of the Last Judgement in the cathedral of St Maria Assunta, the old cathedral of Venice.

Dr Robin Cormack, reader in the history of art at London University Courtauld Institute, and experts from the National Museum of Wales were called in by the vicar of Pontyclun and Talygarn, the Rev Martin Reynolds, after he noticed the mosaic while compiling photographs of the church.

The head, believed to be St Thomas or St Philip, had been

mounted in concrete 12 feet above the family pew of the founder of the church, Mr G T Clarke, a Victorian engineer with a passion for Italian art.

"It has always been regarded as attractive, but because it was so high it never attracted the attention it deserved," Mr Reynolds said.

He admits that the joy of discovery is matched by his desire for St Anne's, which he describes as "a typical Victorian country church with no architectural features to recommend it", to reap the benefits of the windfall.

Fight against asthma:2

Public awareness and more research helps to find cure

For most asthmatics, the quality of life is restricted. They suffer in education, in occupation and in life within the community. In the second of two articles, Thomson Prentice looks at the progress being made in developing a cure.

Progress in understanding the causes of asthma and developing pathways towards a cure has advanced significantly in the past two years.

Greater public awareness of the condition has led to a doubling of the number of branches in Britain of the Asthma Society, which offers help and advice to sufferers and their families.

That increased perception has in turn led to twice as much money being raised for research by the Asthma Research Council, the society's parent body. Other projects are being funded by the British Lung Foundation.

"Much of the work investigates the reasons why the muscle surrounding the bronchial tubes tightens, constricting the breathing passages.

Contraction of airway muscles is controlled by the amount of calcium ions free inside the muscle cells. During an asthmatic attack, many different chemicals that are usually safely stored in the lung tissues are liberated, causing an increase in the amount of calcium within the muscle cells. This action forces cells to contract, causing bronchospasm.

Researchers at Strathclyde University's department of physiology and pharmacology, have discovered that some of the chemicals, including substances known as leukotrienes, can induce the release of calcium from stores within the airway muscle cells.

"They appear to do this by reducing levels of another chemical, called cyclic AMP, whose role is to keep calcium under control." Dr Ian Rodger, the department head, said. "If a fall in cyclic AMP triggers an attack, logically drugs which boost levels of this chemical should provide protection."

Other research teams are

studying the relationships between sleep and asthma. A study at Edinburgh City Hospital's department of respiratory medicine has shown that airways narrowed less at night when patients were kept awake than when they slept.

The unit is investigating hormonal and biochemical changes in relation to nocturnal asthma. Scientists at the Cardiothoracic Institute and Brompton Hospital, London, are testing the hypothesis that night attacks affect the secretion of hormones which influence growth in children - asthmatic children tend to be shorter than average.

Child health specialists at Bristol University are examining the role of house dust mites in children's asthma. Allergens produced by the mites cause attacks when inhaled, and the Bristol group is trying to understand why and how.

The hereditary factor is being investigated by doctors at the Osler chest unit at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. The doctors are seeking large families of asthmatics to help their research. The work involves simple tests that would take about 20 minutes for each person.

Mr Haugh Faulkner, director of the Asthma Research Council, says: "For the majority of asthmatics, their quality of life is restricted.

"We must campaign to find a cure, and not be daunted by the demands such an approach requires."

The headquarters of the Asthma Research Council and Asthma Society are at 300 Upper Street, London N1 2XX. Telephone 01-226 2260. The British Lung Foundation is at 12A Onslow Gardens, London SW7 3AP. Telephone 01-581-0226.

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Remand in stamps theft case

The curator of the National Postal Museum in King Edward Street, central London, appeared at Guildhall Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with stealing rare stamps worth £8,300 from the Post Office.

Mr William Raife Wellstead, aged 56, of Ben Johnson House, the Barbican, who was remanded until September 24, also faces two charges of obtaining £1,500 from the Post Office by deception.

He provided a £10,000 surety.

He is charged that between January 1, 1983 and April 29, 1983, at the National Postal Museum, he stole four 4wd (old penny) postage stamps overprinted with "Great Parcels" and "Specimens", four 6d (old penny) stamps similarly overprinted and worth together £300; that on or about August 15, 1985, he stole a specially prepared imperforate miniature sheet of four King George V commemorative £1 stamps (Postal Union Congress), worth £8,000; on or about November 4, 1983, at the National Postal Museum, he used a false instrument - a Postal History Society invoice - knowing and believing it to be false, and causing the Post Office to pay out £800; and on or about December 16, 1983, he used a similar invoice, causing the Post Office to pay out £700.

Better pay for some trainees

A breakthrough in obtaining the "rate for the job" for youth training schemes trainees has been claimed by the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw).

Under the two-year Youth Training Scheme, young people can expect to be paid £27.30 a week for their first year, rising to £35 a week in their second year - pay levels which some trade union leaders have deplored as "cheap labour".

Agreements just signed with Usdaw ensure that trainees in three areas of commerce - retailing, mail order and the milk industry - get a better deal.

Foster Menswear has guaranteed that all trainees who successfully complete their first 12 months on youth training will continue with the second half of their training as employees, earning £65 a week.

The mail order firm, Empire Stores, has agreed to increase the first-year allowance by £3.70 to pay a straight £31 a week instead of £27.30, and in the second year the trainees, aged 17, will get the full rate of £64.40.

The Milk Marketing Board has gone one better: all trainees will be treated as employees from the start and will be paid the full rate for the job.

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Endangered little tern gains new lease of life

By Mark Dowd

The little tern, one of Britain's rarest seabirds, has a more secure future than at any time in the past 20 years because of a special warden scheme introduced by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

The preferred habitat of the little tern is on shingle beaches or sand bars, which make its nests vulnerable to human disturbance associated with the rapidly expanding tourist industry, as well as a more traditional threat from natural predators.

Parts of popular coastal regions, such as near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, are being roped off during the breeding season from mid-May to early August.

Figures from the society show that there were 2,200 little tern pairs in Britain in 1985, compared with 1,427 in 1967.

"Since wardening schemes were introduced in various parts of the country eight to 10 years ago, little tern populations have been maintained in some areas and increased in others," Mr Graham Elliot, an

RSPB species protection officer, said.

Protection schemes range from string and wooden posts, to fence off the most isolated colonies, to electric fences and patrol officers to ward off foxes and other predators in the more endangered areas. Specially-recruited wardens are paid about £1,000 for a three-month temporary position.

Great Yarmouth, where the warden scheme was launched earlier this year, has proved to be one of the biggest success stories for the society.

With no protection plan in operation last year, 27 pairs of little terns nested on the beach, producing just one offspring. Under the new scheme, 55 pairs have so far produced 94 chicks this year, with another week of the breeding season still to run.

However, the overall picture is marred by reports from the west coast of Britain, where colonies have been affected by poor weather and both natural and human predators. Two Welsh sites have so far failed to produce any offspring.

East Germany accused by Bonn of promoting Third World 'invasion'

The West German Minister for Inter-German Relations, Herr Heinrich Windelen, has accused East Germany of acting in an "unfriendly fashion" in continuing to allow mainly Third World refugees into West Berlin from the eastern half of the city.

"The toleration and promotion of a stream of people seeking asylum through the East German Schönefeld airport cannot be reconciled with good neighbourliness," he told a press conference in Bonn yesterday.

It was a "severe burden" for relations between the two countries.

Herr Windelen rejected a

statement by the East German Foreign Ministry at the weekend which said it had no grounds to refuse transit to foreigners "only because they want to go to Berlin (West)." If East Germany used "only a fraction of the attention" it devoted to keeping its own citizens in, "the problem would be easily solved," he said.

The Foreign Ministry statement pointed out that foreigners could enter West Berlin without a visa and continued: "We are not so far aware that the three Western allies, who have the say there, want to change the situation at all." Border officials could not decide if foreigners in transit

were pseudo-political or economic refugees.

The Bonn Government has tried for more than a year to persuade East Berlin to stop letting through people who are seeking the political asylum guaranteed by the West German constitution.

About 50,000 refugees have applied for asylum so far this year, more than half of them coming through West Berlin after flying into East Germany.

The Bonn Interior Ministry expects about 100,000 by the end of the year.

An official spokesman in Bonn said East Germany sought to make the demarcation line between the western and eastern sectors of Berlin into an international border. However, Herr Windelen said earlier that the weekend statement could indicate a readiness by the East German Government to negotiate if the allies - Britain, the United States and France - approached it directly.

● Barracks bomb: A bomb caused slight damage to a barracks of the federal border protection police (BGS) at Swisttal-Heimerzheim, near Bonn, early yesterday. The BGS is responsible for the initial processing of people seeking asylum.

Close atom plants call

Bonn - An "interim report" by West Germany's opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) says all nuclear power stations in the country can be closed within 10 years (A Correspondent writes).

Herr Volker Hauff, a former SPD Minister for Research and Technology, told a press conference in Bonn yesterday that after the Chernobyl disaster the continued use of nuclear energy was "ethically unacceptable." The first

plants could be closed within two years.

A precondition was a greater emphasis on energy saving. The supply gap could be filled by increased use of coal-fired power stations. A period of increased air pollution must be accepted, but the problems could be solved.

The report will be debated at the SPD's congress in Nuremberg the week after next.



Sitting in front of a picture of his August 1961 escape, Herr Conrad Schumann, right, the first East German border guard to flee while the Berlin Wall was being built, tells a West Berlin press conference he had been ordered to detain anyone trying to escape from East Berlin. With him is Herr Andreas Bratke, who fled from East Germany in January.

Falklands veterans hit out

Angry Gurkhas accuse Army of discrimination

From Michael Hamlyn, Dharan, Nepal

Gurkha troops sent back in disgrace to this British cantonment town after an attack on their officers while on a visit to Hawaii are bitterly angry with the British Army, which they accuse of racial discrimination.

"There were 12 or 13 British soldiers with us the whole time that evening," said a young former rifleman sitting in one of the town's fly-blown bars. "They were with us at the party, they were with us when we returned to Tent City, which is what the camp was known as. They saw as much as we did. But they have not been discharged."

The Gurkhas have been given an administrative discharge. "It's not the same as dismissal," said an Army spokesman, flown specially from Hong Kong to Kathmandu to try to prevent further news from being disseminated about the incident. "They have simply been told their services are no longer required."

Mr Alan Graham, the spokesman, denied the dismissals were in any way racially based, or that the Gurkha troops had been treated any differently to British troops in similar incidents.

British officers are, however, known to be relieved that the officers injured in the incident, which followed a party at the end of a strenuous period of training, included a Gurkha officer, so that it could not be presented as the white establishment reacting to an attack on itself.

The Gurkhas themselves deny that the Gurkha officer was as badly injured as was reported. "He was training and jogging again immediately afterwards," said the young men in Dharan, "and how could he have done that if he had two broken ribs, like they said?"

The men are particularly bitter about their treatment since as many as 80 of the approximately 110 men discharged fought in the Falklands war. Three Falklands veterans who spoke to *The Times* came from the mortar platoon of the company in trouble, a support company of the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

"We gave support to the Scots Guards and to the Welsh Guards in the final attack of the Falkland war," one recalled. "Even when enemy shells came into our positions, even then we gave support when they called for it. Two or three of our 81mm mortars were damaged in the shelling."

He added, smiling at the remembrance: "We liked the fighting. We joined for the fighting. We heard so many stories from our grandfathers in our villages about fighting in the Second World War, how they did this to the Japanese or that to the Germans. The Falklands gave us something to tell the next generation, you know."

He sighed. "I think 7th Gurkhas is finished now."

A local association of Brit-



ish ex-servicemen in Dharan has fired off messages protesting at the British treatment of the company, whose members discharged include the company sergeant major and a staff-sergeant as well as other sergeants and corporals. The messages are being sent to Mrs Thatcher, King Birendra of Nepal and the Nepalese Defence Minister.

Nepalese official reaction has been muted. When pressed, Mr Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya, the Foreign Minister, would say only that it seemed a matter of internal discipline for the British Army. But more vehement views have been published in the left-wing press.

The *Changal Weekly*, for example, said "informed sources" regard the real reason for the discharges as the need to resolve what to do with the eight regiments of the British Gurkha Rifles after the transfer of Hong Kong to the

Tour cut short

No disciplinary action is to be taken against Major Corin Pearce, the officer involved in the brawl in Hawaii which led to the dismissal of the Gurkhas (Tim Jones writes).

But Major Pearce, aged 31, has had his tour of duty with the Gurkhas cut short.

He was to have served as a company commander with the 1st Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles until October, but is now on leave before another posting with his own regiment, the Royal Anglians.

Chinese. "Certain circles in Kathmandu," the paper concludes, "regard this as disgraceful."

There is quite a strong view in Kathmandu that the country has changed since the agreement with Britain to maintain the Gurkha link. "There is a shortage of labour here now," a Nepalese political observer told me, "and Indians are coming here to fill the gap."

"People make a good deal more money than they can in the British Army, by going to work for the Arabs. Nepalese involvement in the Falklands war was a shame for the country, but we expect the arrangement will continue. The King wants to have this link with Britain."

Reaction in Dharan has been mixed. A Gurkha on leave from the 10th Queen Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles said that anyone involved in an attack on his own officers deserved all he got. "When you join the Army you have to accept the discipline," he said.

An ex-Gurkha from the 10th GR, who has perhaps been longer in the bar, said that any British officer who showed up in the town would be attacked. "I will cut him myself," he said. "I'll go to jail for them. I don't mind."

The dismissed Gurkhas say reactions from their families have been mixed, but insisted they had been wrongly treated. The reason for their discharge was given officially as their refusal to co-operate fully with the inquiry into the attack on their company commander, Major Corin Pearce, seconded from the Royal Anglian Regiment.

But they insist they told the special branch of the Military Police all they knew. "We did not see who attacked Major Pearce," they said.



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Indian city mourns for general

From Kuldip Nayyar Delhi

Pune suspended work and business yesterday in protest at the assassination of General A. S. Vaidya, the former Chief of Army Staff.

Some cases of arson and stone-throwing were reported by police, and 20 buses were damaged.

The general's body was cremated with full military honours.

Despite alerts across the country and checks at airports, railway stations and bus stops, none of the four assailants has been arrested.

Mr Bhaskar Maisar, the Police Commissioner of Pune, admitted there had been a security failure.

Both houses of Parliament were adjourned as a mark of respect.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, who returned to Delhi from abroad, said terrorism could not be wiped out easily. He said that a single incident could not be taken as showing either deterioration or improvement.

Mr Gandhi said terrorism could be tackled by finding a political solution and having the police forces deal severely with the problem.

Pakistan political rallies ban

Islamabad (Reuter) - The Pakistan Government, led by the Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, has decided to ban political rallies on Independence Day on Friday, to avoid a confrontation with opposition parties, authoritative sources said yesterday.

The Cabinet took the decision because it feared clashes when the main opposition alliance and the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) hold rival rallies in the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore. Opposition rallies were also planned for other important towns.

The PML and the 10-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) planned the rallies as a show of strength in their dispute about Pakistan's political future.

The MRD, which demands fresh party-based national elections by the end of this year, has turned down suggestions by the Government that it should hold its Lahore rally on another day.

The PML, which has rejected demands for fresh elections, had vowed to make its rally the largest in the country's history.

FASHION

Tartan goes country

Scotland's national dress may seem traditional to town dwellers but it's just right in a rural or formal setting

American visitors to Britain have been avoiding a traditional uniform, tartan, in the wake of the Libyan bombing. As the United States sends the Old World its energetic, its affluent, its Burberried masses, these tourists are falling into line with the vast majority of Scots, who never wear tartan either. Even in a good year, tartan is thin on its home ground.

Formerly Highland dress, tartan has emerged relatively recently as the national dress of Scotland. It is basically a check, with its origins lost in the mists of antiquity. A few "sets" or patterns can be traced to the early 1700s, but most date from the early 19th century.

Many Scots regard the kilt as costume rather than everyday wear. There's a clear split between town and country, and even a mild form of class distinction when it comes to the wearing of the check in Scotland itself. Go to the Royal Highland Show and you will see the kilt worn naturally by members of the farming community. At a smart wedding in St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, again the kilt is in evidence. If you dare, board a Scottish football special bound for Wembley to rub shoulders with the Tartan Army.

Tartan at home is polarized. The landed gentry wear it with lovat green. It screams at you loudly from punks, football fans, Billy Connolly and the Rod Stewart brigade. But the silent majority is hard put to find a single item of tartan in the wardrobe.

As Edinburgh Festival packs the city, the few tartan wearers will not be locals. The average Glaswegian matron, if presented with £100 to spend on clothes, would head happily for Jaeger or Marks and Spencer with never a sideways glance at the kiltmaker's. If one of my Edinburgh friends

turned up for coffee in a kilted skirt, the rest of us would assume that she was moonlighting in some branch of the tourist industry. In Scotland, many an urban dweller regards tartan clothing as unsophisticated.

The Army and the Royal Family have done much to keep tartan in the public eye. Epaulettes and the elaborate cuff of the kilt jacket are survivors of military uniform. Queen Victoria's love of the Highlands made tartan popular in the 1800s. Even today, while the older Royals wear traditionally-styled country tartans, the Princess of Wales and Duchess of York sport them in more youthful, fashionable versions.

And for tourist, countryman and patriot the kilt is alive and well. At John Morrison*, near Edinburgh Castle, a ladies' pure wool, pleated tartan skirt can be made to order on the premises from a reasonable £29. The Scotch House offers a wide selection from £62.50 to £150. There are traditional Highland outfitters in Aberdeen and Inverness. Tartan shops abound in towns like Oban and Pitlochry.

Of course, the very brightness of tartan lends itself to all sorts of abuses. A few years ago an exhibition at the Edinburgh Festival, "Scottish Myths", highlighted its unduly romantic, shortbread-tin, cheap and nasty aspect. In *The Tartans of the Clans and Families of Scotland*, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, father of the present Lord Lyon, wrote of tartan: "The whole subject has been regarded as pertaining rather to the souvenir shop than to the scientist."

Anne Cowan

*John Morrison (Highland Outfitters), 401 Leaningrock, Edinburgh. *The Scottish Tartans Museum, Comrie, Perthshire*



Left: Yellow and black "Dress Mleod" tartan kilt, £67.50. Red and cream "Dress Stewart" tartan shawl, £25. Oatmeal cashmere sweater, £105 all from The Scotch House, Knightsbridge, SW1 and branches. Brown leather pumps, £32.99 from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1. Above: "Strathpeffer" tartan suit by Ally Cappellino, shirt £79, skirt £119 both from Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1, The Changing Room, Tunbridge Wells and Marcus Price, Newcastle. Brown leather briefcase, £175 from Mulberry Company, 11-12 Gages Court, W1. Black leather Cuban-heeled shoes, £42.99 from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1. Photographs: Chris Edwick. Make-up: Karen Lockyer.

Check out the new look for squares

Punks parade down the Kings Road in it, the Princess of Wales has given it the royal fashion seal of approval — tartan is always in evidence, from the fashionable ankle-length kilts for the discerning to the pom-pom caps and mummy wool shawls beloved by foreign visitors (Rebecca Tyrrel writes).

Fashion designers have given tartan a new lease of life. Viyella are producing 28 different tartans for autumn from the familiar Black Watch to the more obscure Innes Hunting with weaves of red, blue, yellow and lovat green.

Designer Ally Cappellino has used Viyella tartan in her collections for the last three years, mixing different checks together for sailor-collared dresses and slim pleated skirts. She has used the more subdued colours of the Strathpeffer tartan in dusky blue and grey for a smarter city image. Comme des Garçons and Joseph have pulled tartan down from the Highlands to the catwalk and Irish designer Paul Costelloe uses traditional Irish plaids for brightly-coloured tweedy suits.

The Scotch House is the main tourist hunting ground. Avoid the loud tartan trousers and leave the knee-length kilts for the punks. Look instead for longer skirts, and mix two tartans together with a light wool shawl for a versatile working outfit.

The Sophisticate

Ingrid Pehrson has always loved tartan. Her approach is that of the continental woman indulging in investment dressing. She goes for top-quality natural fibres in a timeless classic, the kilted skirt, known in Sweden as "Kiltkjol".

When she worked in an advertising agency, Ingrid had three or four kilted skirts, which she found ideal for the office. When her boss retired in 1975, she took the giant step of opening her own shop.



Investment vestments: Swedish shop-owner Ingrid Pehrson. Lady Tartan in the old town of Stockholm, near The Royal Palace. The ancient (muted) tartans are popular and the range is

adjusted by season, lighter colours appearing in spring, darker in autumn. Navy is in constant demand. The price for an imported kilted skirt is £65 and sizes run from 12 to 24. It is not only the kilt's attractiveness but also its versatility which appeals so much. "After a day at school, the office, in court or the Riksdag (Parliament) these ladies often have further engagements for the evening", says Ingrid. "If you wear a kilted skirt you can easily change your everyday clothes by putting on a silk blouse or sweater and a smart jacket."

The Purist

Malcolm Innes of Edingight, as Lord Lyon King of Arms, is the ultimate authority on tartan. He holds an office which can be traced back to pre-feral Celtic Scotland. The importance of this can be gauged from the assurance of Miss Jean Brodie to her girls that "even if I were to receive a proposal of marriage tomorrow from the Lord Lyon King of Arms I would decline it".

Mr Innes is concerned with heraldry, genealogy and ceremony. When approached by a clan chief he will investigate and, if appropriate, authenticate a tartan. The Lyon Court has between 45 and 50 tartans currently registered.

Malcolm Innes regards tartan, like fashion itself, as an evolving, almost a living thing. He sees it as no part of his duty to put people off Scottish dress by being too strict. Rather, he seeks to offer guidance and to encourage the wearing of tartan. His only stipulation is that its use should be dignified.

Tartan is part of Malcolm Innes's wardrobe as well as part of his job. He has three kilts, one of which was inherited. In the photograph he wears the Green Innes, recorded 20 years ago, but taken from a portrait a century old.



Tartan checker: Malcolm Innes, Lord Lyon King of Arms

The Tourists

Jack and Ruth Gussman are on their first visit to Scotland. They are a retired couple from Harrisburg in Pennsylvania on a 21-day tour of the British Isles.

Until recently, many American tourists made conspicuous use of tartan about their persons and luggage. Fear of terrorism has changed, or at least diluted all that. Most Americans in Britain are keeping a low profile.

Two and a half hours tartan-spotting at Edinburgh Castle came up with one lumberjack shirt and a dress Stewart scarf. It was a tartan that gratified when Mr and Mrs Gussman came into view sporting what was, until recently, the mark of Americans abroad — a mixture of tartans.

Jack Gussman wears a cap of McLeod tartan which he bought by mail order from Shannon Airport. His wife's jacket is in Lenoax. It is not only as tourists that the Gussmans wear tartan. Back home, Jack plays the bagpipes in the Shriner Highlanders' Pipe Band, and Ruth is one of the "lassies" or helpers. Both are of German descent.



Tourist trappings: tartan-clad Gussmans with castle guard

The Expatriate

Jenny Cameron of Palmerston North, New Zealand, likes wearing tartan "on dressing-up occasions". Her best dress, in Black Watch tartan, was bought in Mothercare in Ayr when her family was visiting Scotland. She also has a Stewart tartan kilted skirt from the Windsor branch of the Edinburgh Woollen Mill. Jenny, who is 10, considers herself a Scottish New Zealander.

Perhaps because they have lived overseas all of their married life, Jenny's Scottish parents are more conscious of tartan than are the friends they left behind. Alan and Anne Cameron are both enthusiastic about Scottish country dancing.

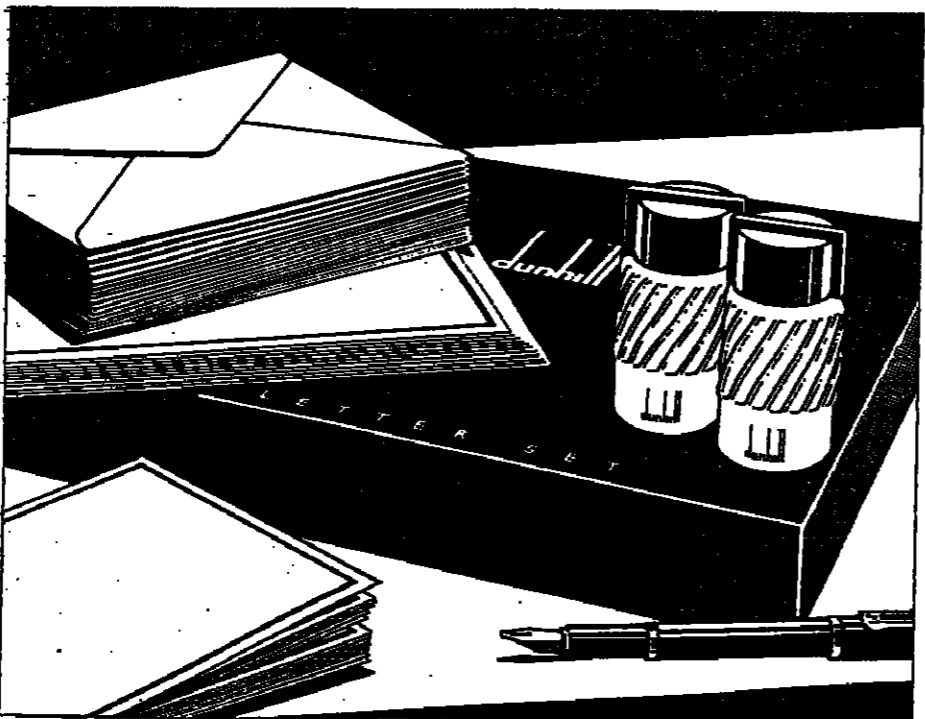
During their year in Britain, Alan wore the kilt to the Country Dance Society in London, and Jenny took country dancing lessons. Anne Cameron has a kilted skirt for day wear and a full-length version for evening.

Jenny is very interested in fashion, admires the Princess of Wales's style and likes jeans. However, for parties she invariably chooses tartan.



Party lines: Jenny Cameron prefers tartan to jeans

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HM YACHT BRITANNIA August 11: The Queen accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York... The Queen and Their Royal Highnesses... The Prince of Wales...

Birthdays today Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, 64; Dame Frances Clode, 83; Admiral Sir Maurice Heath, 77...

Dartmouth parade

Admiral Sir William Stavley, the Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, took the salute at a passing-out parade held at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on July 31...

Prize winners: Harriet List awarded for best qualified professional and business training... General List: Sub Lieutenant K W Seymour...

International Salt Manufacturers Course: Sub Lieutenant P G Bove... General List: Sub Lieutenant K W Seymour...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.C. Gore Browne and Miss D.J. Rees... The engagement is announced between David, son of Sir Thomas and Lady Gore Browne... Captain A.J. Bradshaw...

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Latest wills

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Mr M.G. Nokes and Miss E.J. Millichip... The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.C. Nokes...

Archaeology

Shepherds following in the steps of Stone Age man... This series of three articles from Mario Modiano reports on the latest findings of archaeologists...

used these and other sites in a complex system of migration over a much larger area... The hunters at Klidi, in fact, may have gone after red deer during the winter...

Dr Geoff Bailey, lecturer in the department of archaeology and anthropology at Cambridge University... found that its seasonal occupants - 15 to 20 people...

Dr Bailey says: "We have come to the tentative conclusion that palaeolithic tribes... The Rev E.J. Abbot, Vicar, St Nicholas, diocese of Durham...

Mr John Fawcett who has been appointed Ambassador to Bulgaria... The Rev E.J. Abbot, Vicar, St Nicholas, diocese of Durham...

Church news

Appointments: The Rev E.J. Abbot, Vicar, St Nicholas, diocese of Durham... The Rev R. J. Barron, Team Vicar, St Mary's, diocese of Bath...

Resignations and retirements: The Rev J. W. Beaman, Rector, St Andrew's, diocese of Exeter... The Rev G. D. Drake, Team Vicar, St Andrew's, diocese of Exeter...

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LORD PLANT

Trade union leader with an international outlook: Lord Plant, CBE, who was general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation for 16 years, and chairman of the TUC in 1976, died on August 9, aged 75...

MRS EDITH MURRAY: Mrs Edith Agnes Murray, mountaineer, explorer and music teacher, died on August 6, she was 88. Born on February 16, 1898, the daughter of a Glasgow chartered accountant, W. D. Cairney...

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL ARUN VAIDYA: Lieutenant-General Arun Vaidya, the former chief of staff of the Indian Army who co-ordinated the attack on the Sikh Golden Temple at Amritsar in 1984, was assassinated on August 10 at Poona. He was 60.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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Carpenters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Carpenters' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Henry John O'Brien; Senior Warden, Dr William Fowler Felton; Middle Warden, Mr Jasper Godwin Ridley; Junior Warden, Mr Peter Creasey Osborne.

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THE ARTS

Television

Primly practical living

It may well have taken 1,000 years for the use of bricks and oil-lamps to be rediscovered...

In the regrettably permanent absence of Alec Clifton-Taylor, the subject desperately lacks a guiding, personal intelligence...

Once the potted essays on lighting, heating and sanitation got under way, however, the pace stepped up briskly...

The profession which traditionally makes the most money out of housing for the least work came under scrutiny...

When it comes to apportioning legal manpower in the interests of justice, property rights will always take precedence over personal rights...

Martin Cropper

Hilary Finch reports on the Savonlinna Festival at Finland's Olavinlinna Castle

Making the most of atmosphere

The last bronze rays of a sun which at midnight is still only pretending to set caught the huge burnished Horus emblem of the King of Egypt in the castle of King Olav in Finland...

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Galleries: John Russell Taylor Bellany wins a titanic battle

The Edinburgh Festival could be the great international showcase for Scottish art, and it is astonishing that it has not been so used in the whole 40 years of its existence...

The best place to start is probably with John Bellany. He has been a major figure in Scottish art for some 20 years, and is now 44. It is a good time for a retrospective, and that is just what the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art has come up with...

Crime and Punishment St Bride's Centre After the brass bands, bagpipes, steel bands, more bagpipes and fire engines of the weekend's parade, the World Theatre Festival got under way with some real emotional noise...

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continuously developing individual, and to make one see him as typically Scottish primarily because he has clearly and no doubt instinctively refused to be typical of anything but himself.

The shows are a thoroughly disturbing experience. Since the very beginning, Bellany has drawn strength and sustenance from the deployment of a very small range of motifs, which may or may not have some overt symbolical intent.

Why are so many of Bellany's paintings nightmarish in a way that Bacon's are not? The answer seems to be that Bacon is essentially a classical painter, while Bellany is an Expressionist.

And there remains very little doubt, going round the main show in chronological order, that Bellany's battles have been titanic.



John Bellany's obsessions with family and grotesque food: My Father (1966) and Celtic Feast (1973)

In the Sixties, when he first appeared, he was working in a thoroughly unfashionable way, though very much in a long-established Scottish tradition of mystic realism.

have a relatively happy ending, in that, after the pictured crisis and dark night of the soul, he has come out on the other side with a series of much more controlled paintings and prints which apparently reflect in their light, bright colours and more precisely controlled forms a degree of equanimity and even happiness.

scribbled figures and energetic splashes of pigment. And his recent ceramics carry the same feeling further, as well as being on show with the new paintings at the Scottish Gallery until September 3.

as ever, and worthily represent the tradition of the Scottish Colourists in our own day; her figure compositions and landscapes show her usual flair in the bold handling of paint on canvas or paper, with particular effect in a new self-portrait.

Theatre: Martin Cropper

claustrophobic, black-lined theatre displaying a cavalier use of space - the audience being shoe-horned into rump-numbing wooden forms which (in my experience) rival for discomfort the marble seating of Athens or Epidaurus.

The effect is to lend the players an exaggerated physical grandeur in the scenes that, as given stage-front, and to produce an almost uncanny depth of field when they move through the partitions of Krystyna Zachwatowicz's clever sets, which are constructed from unglamorous conservatory screens.

The playing is mostly superb, with infinite subtleties of inflexion that might easily fly away in a larger venue. Jerzy Radziwilowicz plays the young student Raskolnikov as a man hypnotized, creaking about on spring-laced boots as if treading the water of dreams, convulsively swallowing down the nightmare that keeps rising in his gorge and succumbing to explosions of fury like a hiccupping volcano.

Not having a word of the passionately lugubrious language in which it is played, I cannot tell if this production enhances or diminishes Dostoevsky, but it makes an awesome piece of theatre.

Opera: Richard Morrison

Oberon Usher Hall

The strain of magic and wistfulness running through the music of Weber's Oberon sits as uncomfortably alongside the burlesque antics and doggerel of Planche's English libretto today as the composer realized (too late) that it did at Covent Garden in 1826.

Philharmonic thoroughly deserved, because under Seiji Ozawa's direction these young professionals gave a vivid performance. There was plenty of top-rate solo playing - the "magic" horn dominant, of course - but more impressive still was the disciplined ensemble work as the orchestra followed Ozawa's generally light-footed interpretation.

audience would have enjoyed lavish spectacle, Dunlop substituted, with aid by Mark Henderson's ingenious lighting. The glittering spotlight on the solo horn was an inspired touch.

So Dunlop makes the orchestra the centre of the action, deploying Carl Tom's sets - a series of staircases and catwalks rather reminiscent of that supported Busby Berkeley fancies round the players. It was a prominent that the Junge Deutsche

Even before the celebrated overture had finished, Oberon and Titania had mimed a potted history of A Midsummer Night's Dream; later we had dances by rubber-dummy mermaids, kidnap by geriatric pirates, and recurring catchphrases shouted by chorus (the excellent Edinburgh Festival Chorus, sitting in darkness at the back) and orchestra. Where the original

Music in London

Takacs Quartet Elizabeth Hall

If ever there was a chasm between the letter of the programme-note and the spirit of the work it described then Zsolt Durko provided it for Sunday's performance of his Second String Quartet. I hope not too many members of the audience fell in; for the unnecessarily obfuscatory verbal analysis bore little relation to the lucid and refined artistry of one of his most important works.

Hilary Finch

ASMF/Marriner Barbican

Last week, while Summerscope and the Proms dominated the music reviews, they were having their own festival in the City, a "deliberately uncomplicated" affair called Summer in the City. It ended on Sunday, though, on a conspicuously high note, with Sir Neville Marriner, its director, conducting the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields in

Vivaldi's Gloria and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Sir Neville succeeded in the critical task of making the Beethoven sound freshly exciting, although without doing anything terribly eccentric. Like many another, he tended to drive the slow movement just a little too anxiously.

One had some misgivings, particularly at the start, when the echoing woodwind persistently anticipated the beat. But Sir Neville's carefully shaped phrasing, his meticulous attention to details of balance, and the feeling that when the strings broke into their more ornate passages they were not snatching at the notes, meant that the music's searching grace survived. The occasional unhappy incident dissolved into insignificance in the face of the whole achievement.

There were moments in the Scherzo, for example, where the ensemble was not absolutely tight (and too many repeats were ignored), while at the supreme climax of the first

movement the timpani rolls actually managed to drown the rest of the orchestra, at any rate as heard from my seat. But the Finale's magnificent was unequivocal. Its strength lay not least in the quality of the singing. The Academy's own chorus may not be particularly large (around 70 voices) but here it made an almighty, although well disciplined, noise.

Stephen Pettitt



Seppo Nurminen's burnished, emblematic setting for Aida

bouncing, rolling syllables of the Finnish language. Ariel, the mezzo Helja Angervo, was a strange, dream princess in swirling dapple grey silk and long grey hair; the court party a colour-fantasy of nicely tinted commedia dell'arte ensembles against Oiva Toikka's swirling blue batik backdrop and tubular-cubic Sixties pop-art design.

Griffiths welcomed it only cautiously on this page in 1984: this year's younger cast, under the baton of Markus Lehtinen, emphasized the lightrope progress of a work whose ambition too often overweighs and topples its substance.

Written in 1970, it does for the ear what kinetic art does for the eye: it balances structures of pitch and rhythm built on tiny cells into patterns which move one against the other, creating shifting illusions of speed and space. His word for those patterns which move in a determined order is "organism"; those which are free, functioning, he says, like a "psicogramma", which probably helps him rather more than it helps us.

It was the ideal setting for Aho's claustrophobic dramatic monologue for baritone and chamber orchestra. Juhana Mannerkopi's libretto is a 90-minute drama of paranoia and urban anxiety as Johannes Pontto, a 50-year-old bodisister solitary, searches for the "key" into and out of his life. Aho's delicate score acts as brilliantly detailed and powerful expressionist subtitles, forming his and our every response as the voice rises only occasionally out of speech into song. Matti Lehtinen gave a virtuoso performance, directed by Hannu Heikinheimo and with Hannu Bister conducting a 13-strong band of snarling bass woodwinds, horns, strings and percussion.

The tale telescopes past, present and future as British King and Prime Minister, in a future Ice Age, relive the battle of Crey and the siege of Calais in an inexorable escalation of public and private corruption. The music telescopes Shostakovich's savage and Prokofiev's sardonic humour with purple Puccinian lyricism, in a kaleidoscopic orchestral virtuosity very much Sallinen's own. Paul

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Football hooligans leave trail of destruction in their wake

From Robert Scholl
Amsterdam

Manchester United supporters returned to Britain yesterday from Amsterdam, leaving behind a trail of hooliganism which started last Thursday night on the ferry taking them from Harwich to the Hook of Holland.

Throughout the weekend the soccer fans, in Amsterdam to attend a friendly match between Manchester United and the Dutch club, Ajax, broke windows, brawled in bars, attacked cars and passengers and clashed with police who used batons and dogs to disperse the troublemakers.

A 19-year-old man was still under arrest yesterday for having allegedly broken the window of a Chinese restaurant. A police spokesman said it was unclear whether he would be charged or expelled from the country as an undesirable alien.

Another man arrested on Sunday night was released, as were two men arrested on Saturday after no one came forward to press charges.

When the football ended on Sunday police had arranged for a rapid transfer of the British supporters to the Hook of Holland, but a group of about 60 supporters missed their bus and went on the rampage in the centre of Amsterdam.

Trouble spots included Amsterdam's red-light district. Anticipating trouble, police had kept enough cabs free to accommodate 30 troublemakers.

Police guard: The British fans were escorted by 10 Dutch military policemen on their way home and had their passports taken from them as they boarded the Dutch ferry, Koninking Beatrix, at the Hook of Holland (Our Foreign Staff writes).

It was the same ship on which English fans fought a pitched battle last week on their way to The Netherlands.

A Sealink spokesman said the crew had agreed "reluctantly" to let the supporters back on board.

Cricket match arrests

Soccer hooligans calling themselves the Derby Lanic Fringe were blamed yesterday for violence at a John Player League cricket match between Derbyshire and Lancashire at



British football fans (above left) being rounded up by police in Amsterdam to be sent home on the ferry, while another supporter (right) is taken to a police station after a fight.

Angola accuses Pretoria of raid

Lisbon (Reuter) - Angola's Defence Ministry said yesterday that South African troops had attacked the town of Cuito Cuanavale in the south-east of the country.

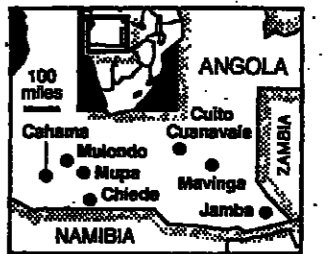
A statement quoted by the official Angolan news agency said the South African 32 "Buffalo" battalion, backed by heavy artillery, attacked Angola forces yesterday and shelled Cuito Cuanavale, in Cuando Cubango province, about 185 miles inside Angola. There were no details of casualties.

The South African-backed UNITA rebels said earlier that their forces had attacked Cuito Cuanavale on Saturday night, destroying radar equipment, anti-aircraft weapons and artillery. They accused Angola forces of preparing to launch a big drive against UNITA's south-east bases.

The Angolan statement quoted in the news agency report, which was monitored in Lisbon, said South African air and land reconnaissance patrols had also been detected in southern Cuando province over the last five days moving towards the towns of Cahama, Mupa and Malondo.

It added that South African planes and helicopters had also moved troops and equipment to north of Chiede in Cuando province and motorized units were concentrated along the border of neighbouring Namibia.

JOHANNESBURG: A spokesman for the South African Defence Force (SADF) said in Pretoria last night that it saw no point in commenting on Angola's claims "bearing in mind that UNITA already made a statement claiming an attack on Cuito Cuanavale" (Ray Kennedy writes).



Paisley denies reports of leadership coup

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The spokesman said the ship was in constant contact with Sealink in Harwich during yesterday's crossing and a "substantial number" of British Transport Police were at the port to escort the supporters on the boat train to Liverpool Street station in London.

Mr Giles Shaw, the Home Office Minister of State, ruled out emergency legislation to restore corporal punishment for football hooliganism.

Detention law ruled illegal

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might be subject not only to arrest but also to summary detention for as long as the State of Emergency exists.

"Thus, for example, every common criminal, at any rate those with a propensity for violence, might be considered a threat to the safety of the public and liable as such to be detained summarily for the duration of the State of Emergency, a result which does not seem to accord with the object of the Act insofar as the declaration of a State of Emergency is concerned."

Weather forecast

The United Kingdom lies in an area of slack pressure. England and Wales and eastern Scotland will have fog patches at first, with sunny periods developing. Scattered showers in SE and southern central England.

TV top ten

- 1. Eastenders (Thurs/Sun) 18.00m
- 2. Cracker (Wed) 16.00m
- 3. News and Weather (Sun) 10.10m
- 4. Dallas (Sun) 8.55m
- 5. News and Weather (Wed) 9.45m
- 6. News and Weather (Sun) 20.50
- 7. Hanger 18.50m
- 8. Six O'Clock News (Mon) 8.30m
- 9. XII Commonwealth Games (Tues 21.29) 8.30m

Weather forecast

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Today's events

- Royal engagements:** Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Corps of Signals, takes lunch with the Royal Signals Guard on duties in Central London, the Officers' Mess, St James's Palace, SW1, 1.
- New exhibitions:** Gardens in Focus: photographs by Heather Angel; the Asceavie Watercolours: works by Margaret Stones, John Hope 1725-1786; The Enlightenment of Scottish Botany, Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 5 (ends Oct 31)
- Exhibitions in progress:** Claudette Johnson: artist at work; work by Jock McFayden and Stephen McKenna, City Art Gallery, Mosley St, Manchester.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,122

CROSS

1 Plastered and stoned? (6-6)
8 He is a colourless one (7)
9 Wild spider caught in the hand (7)
11 One who fits glasses is less industrious after midnight (7)
12 Extend too far on top of ladder (7)
13 Overgrown yet thin and ineffectual (5)
14 Third man's major second in the Dolomites (9)
16 Householder sending out prayer at start of evaluation (9)
19 Chests, perhaps, as instances of disease (5)
21 Eastern beast is backed in more than one plate (7)
23 One city character changed his hat (7)
24 Abusing fence (7)
25 No big number of operatic composers? (7)
26 Hay that is fun for couples (7,5)

DOWN

1 It is bound to show the titles (7)
2 A witty soul, it's said (7)
3 Eleventh hour revival from the side (9)
4 So still, it can make shadow disappear (5)

Community aid

Free copies of **Community Enterprise**, a booklet published by The Times and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, giving details of how local group initiatives have transformed many inner-city areas and hints on how the scheme can be expanded, are still available from Community Enterprise, Dept JDI, The Beacon Press, 33 Cliffe High St, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2AN. An 18p stamped address envelope (5in by 6in) should be enclosed. Bulk orders of up to 50 copies on request, carriage paid in advance. There is a foreword by the Prince of Wales.

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How to play - Weekly Dividend:

1. Add these together to determine your dividend for the week. The weekly dividend figure you have won is shown in the Times Portfolio Gold card for that week. Add this amount to your prize as instructed below.

How to claim:

Telephone The Times Portfolio Gold to 0900 22 22 22. You will need to provide your card number and the date of your last dividend. You must claim your prize within the stipulated times.

How to claim:

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone, you may write to The Times Portfolio Gold, 10, Victoria Street, London E1 6NF. Your letter must be accompanied by a photocopy of your card and you must include a signed declaration that you are the holder of the card.

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The above instructions are applicable to all weekly and monthly dividend cards.

Lighting-up time

London	8:00 pm to 5:12 am
Birmingham	8:00 pm to 5:12 am
Manchester	8:00 pm to 5:12 am
Edinburgh	8:00 pm to 5:12 am
Liverpool	8:00 pm to 5:12 am

Yesterday

Belmont	17.83	Guinness	17.83
Birmingham	14.57	Winesap	18.56
Bristol	13.86	London	18.89
Cardiff	17.83	Manchester	17.83
Edinburgh	14.57	Newcastle	14.57
Glasgow	17.83	Rivendale	13.85

Vertical advertisements and notices on the right edge of the page, including "Business Ad", "Jobbers detect", and other text.

WALL STREET

Early gain for Dow

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares moved higher in early trading yesterday, helped by the bond market and expectations that the sluggish economy will bring discount rate cuts. A rise in precious metal prices boosted mining shares. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 10.55 points at 1,793.17, on a volume of 15 million shares.

Advancing issues led declining issues by a margin of eight to three.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and price changes for Aug 8 and Aug 7.

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Slump in oil price lifts Third World prospects

As annual economic reviews go, this week's report from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) was a pretty gloomy one. Heavily skewed towards the problems of the Third World, it painted a grim picture of a global economy in which deflation has been successfully engineered by the developed industrial powers.

Looking at commodities, the report sadly contrasted the success with which Western countries have protected their farmers from the effects of tumbling world prices (and indeed Third World competition) through price-support mechanisms with the absence of schemes for developing nations. The cost in lost commodity exports for the Third World between 1980 and 1984 was put at \$38 billion (£25.6 billion) even allowing for a \$17 billion increase in export volume.

Possible solutions to the plight of the developing countries, such as currency devaluations and commodity diversification, were tossed in the air by the report only to be quickly smashed down on the basis of Unctad's own empirical evidence. The result, according to a study by American Express Bank, is that non-oil developing countries are now back to where they were before general commodity prices started their steady decline, or are perhaps even a little better off.

TEMPUS

TDG speeds ahead with 36% rise in profits

Road haulage, storage and plant hire. Transport Development Group's main businesses, have at least one thing in common: high operational gearing. As soon as there is enough business for the group's 4,000 trucks and drivers to break even, any extra loads carried flow straight through to the bottom line. The same goes for storage and equipment hire.

Higher utilization of plant and equipment is the main reason why TDG was able to report a 36 per cent jump in interim pretax profits of £15.5 million when turnover rose only 8.7 per cent to £249 million. British road haulage, for example, which comprises 31 per cent of TDG's business, recorded a £4 million increase in turnover, of which nearly £2 million found its way into profit.

This extra business helped the group to raise its margins to 6.7 per cent in the first half of this year compared with 4.9 per cent in the comparable period last year. A better quality of business, low inflation and falling oil prices were also of assistance. Falling oil prices are of direct help in reducing costs. As oil prices went up, Derwent from 12% per cent of long distance haulage costs to 22 per cent. It is now around 17 per cent - but customers are also aware that oil prices have fallen and feel, not unjustly, that tariffs should come down.

COMPANY NEWS

- EWART NORTH-EAST: Final dividend 1.1p, making 1.6p (1.5). Results for year to April 30. Pretax profit £150,036 (£103,531). tax £20,562 (£19,859). Earnings per share 4.12p (2.66).
RENEWING: Results for six months to June 30. Figures in millions of yen. Sales 105,333 (105,808). net profit 2,511 (3,156). Earnings per share 14.66 yen (20.22).
HOME CHARM GROUP: The offer made on behalf of Ladbroke Group to acquire the whole of the issued ordinary share capital will close at 1pm on August 25. Section 428 notices have been sent to Home Charm ordinary shareholders to acquire compulsorily the ordinary shares of non-assenting shareholders.
LAURENCE GOULD: Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 1.5p (1.4p). Turnover £4.03 million (£2.99 million). Pretax profit £172,000 (£209,000). Earnings per share 4.59p (6.33p).
ELECCO: Whitecroft owns, or has acceptances for, 3.6 per cent of the ordinary capital. The offer has been extended until Aug. 20.
MARKHEATH SECURITIES: The chairman, Mr Paul Bobroff, says in his annual statement that the current year's trading is going as planned, and the directors are confident that profits ought to grow significantly.
INFRARED ASSOCIATES: The assets, inventory and technology of Comsource, which manufactures infra-red detectors closely allied to those produced by IA, have been acquired. The price is \$100,000 (£68,000) in cash and 122,069 shares.
CANADIAN PRICES: Abitibi 22 22 1/2, Alcan Alum 41 41 1/2, Algoma Steel 13 13 1/2, Inco 15 15 1/2, Cominco 12 12 1/2, Con Bathurst 22 22 1/2, Inco 27 27 1/2, Hstn B Mill 28 28 1/2, Inco 38 38 1/2, Imperial Oil 40 40 1/2, In Pipe 39 39 1/2, Hyf Trustco 31 31 1/2, Searon 30 30 1/2, Steel Co 20 20 1/2, Thomson M A 30 30 1/2, Varco Corp 25 25 1/2, White Hiram 37 37 1/2, WCT 12 12 1/2.

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Generali Assicurazioni Generali 1985 Highlights from the Report of the Board of Directors. Table showing financial data for 1985 and 1984. Total other items: 162,590 (1985) vs 23,358 (1984). Profit for the year: 162,590 (1985) vs 68,655 (1984).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Surge of enthusiasm for TSB boosts the big four banks

By Michael Clark

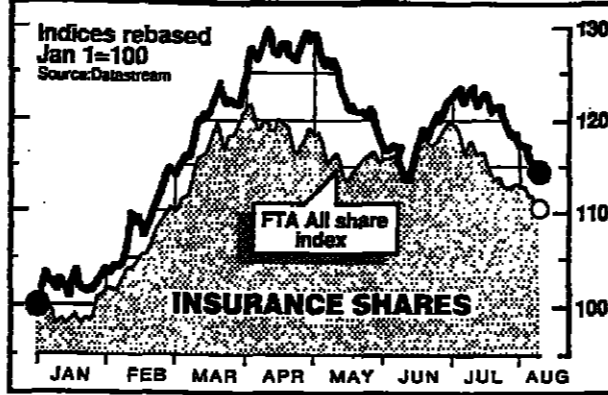
There is just a month to go before details of the proposed flotation of the Trustee Savings Bank are unveiled and already the marketmakers are jostling for position to see which of them will be allowed to deal in the shares.

At least 17 firms of marketmakers, so far, applied to trade in the shares which dealers claim could be a sign of things to come after big bang in October. More than 1 1/2 million investors have shown interest in the issue and the market is taking the view that it could become a stag's delight.

The TSB, which also owns United Dominions Trust and Laura Ashley shares fell another 8p to 181p yesterday - for a two day loss of 14p. The shares had been enjoying strong institutional support recently, but Smith New Court seems to think they look expensive boasting a p/e 50 per cent higher than rival Next. The fall might have been worse, but for a large buying order from the company's broker Kleinwort Greaveson.

Swan national Car Rental is expected to come to market with a price tag of about £1.200 million. Some analysts have already calculated that net assets after the issue, which will raise the company £1.000 million, will top £2,000 million where the shares could boast a p/e of 6.6 and yield 5.3 per cent.

The TSB's brokers Rowe & Pitman and Wood Mackenzie are determined that the issue will be a success. They have already arranged a number of meetings with the institutions for early next month. The first



often regarded as a hedge by investors in times of uncertainty. The bullion price soared to \$395 an ounce in the morning - its highest level since March 1984. It later closed \$17 up at \$387 with dealers confident that it would hit \$400 an ounce soon. Consolidated Gold Fields led the way higher, but closed below its best levels of the day. The shares rose 8p to 462p, after 474p. The other gold producers spent a quieter day after Friday's dramatic flurry of activity where gains ranged up to \$7.

Those companies with interests in precious metals also did well. Lorch advanced 3p to 209p and Johnson Matthey 25p to 215p.

Leading shares showed dou-

investigation by the Takeover Panel.

The Panel had been called in after complaints by Petrol and decided that Inoco was acting in concert with Mr Smith, who had accepted the terms from Inoco for his 25 per cent stake in the company.

The big insurance companies continued to recover from nervousness before the interim dividend season starts tomorrow, with figures from Commercial Union, up 2p to 297p, and General Accident 9p at 807p.

Royal Insurance, up 17p at 819p, is due to unveil its interim profits on Thursday. Analysts are looking for CU

Speculative buying pushed the price of the printing group Wace to a peak of 69p yesterday, an 11p rise on the day. The shares have been a firm market since featured here in June and the company recently reported a big jump in first-half profits. Prospects of Wace making some early acquisitions look like keeping the shares ahead.

to return to the black with pretax profits of about £40 million for the first six months of the year.

This compares with a loss of £12.1 million for the corresponding period after US underwriting losses of £230 million. The bulk of profits, are expected to come from the group's life business and the losses in America should be greatly reduced thanks to higher premiums.

General Accident is also expected to turn in a positive performance, with estimates of between £35 million and £40 million, compared with a deficit last time of £2.2 million.

Royal, which also turned in an interim deficit of £17.8 million last year, is expected to bounce back with pretax profits of £90 million this time.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues with columns for company name, price, and change. Includes Hile Ergonom, Hughes Food, and others.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing sterling spot and forward rates for various currencies including the US dollar, Japanese yen, and others.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing other sterling rates for currencies like the Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, and New Zealand dollar.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table listing dollar spot rates for various countries including Ireland, Singapore, and others.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures for three-month sterling, three-month Eurodollar, and US Treasury bills.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table listing traditional options for various stocks including Allied Lyons, BP, and others.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table listing London traded options for various companies like Allied Lyons, BP, and others, with columns for series, calls, and puts.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Table providing money market and gold data, including Euro money deposits, gold prices, and interest rates.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Japan and Germany rule as UK spends

Yesterday morning the price of gold touched \$400 before it was 'fixed' at its highest price, \$394.50, since March 1984. Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, aware - none more so - that confidence in the dollar is reflected, inversely, in the price for gold, attended the funeral in West Germany of Otto Emminger, a former president of the Bundesbank and stern apostle of sound money.

At the end of last week, two of the leading New York investment houses, Salomon Brothers and Goldman Sachs, bowed low to the powerful Japanese sun risen above the American bond market.

The latest cost and output figures demonstrate, yet again, that the potential benefit to British industry of lower input prices is promptly taken out in higher earnings, aided and abetted by an easing of monetary policy. Today, should you be in any doubt after last week's bank lending figures, the latest building societies statistics will prove beyond a peradventure that this country is riding the crest of a frightening credit and housing boom. Barclays, as Sir Tim Bevan confessed last week, believe that 'long-term prudence' demands that the growth in lending to UK customers is restrained.

Despite the forebodings of the chairman of Barclays it is manifestly not in the Government's political interest to witness, let alone engineer, a collapse in the boom. The flooding tide of credit has to be financed, with the extra deposits required coming either out of higher earnings or the inflow of capital from abroad. Normally, the banks and buildings societies would also look to higher interest rates to attract more savings; but as interest rates, for the time being at least, seem set on a declining course, higher rates are not an option.

This opinion is supported by the Bank of England's bold move late yesterday afternoon when it lopped 1 1/2 points off the price of the Treasury 8 1/2 per cent 2007 'tap' stock: a calculated risk, but one that if it comes off should make the gilt-edged market sharply better. If the jobbers, armed with cheap Treasury stock proceed to drive the gilt-edged market higher, that should put some stiffening back in the equity market.

Events on the international financial scene are cosmic by comparison. The burial of Dr. Emminger does not mean the end of strict fiscal and financial orthodoxy. On the contrary, while German has cleverly avoided some of the hedge responsibilities that normally fall on an international currency, it has seen the mark elevated to a position where even the mighty dollar is tied to it for purposes of Federal Reserve exchange and interest rate strategy.

The other defeated nation Japan is also now in a dominating market position. The powerful tactics of the Japanese banks and investment

houses in the May auction of US Treasury paper inflicted horrendous losses on the leading New York houses. To the point where Salomons admitted that 'we are not as smart as we thought we were' and Goldman Sachs admitted Sumitomo Bank as a 12 1/2 per cent partner in exchange for \$500 million. The Who's Who of the New York bond market is now being rewritten - in Japanese characters.

TSB unexplained The Government owed the nation an explanation, and yesterday Ian Stewart, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury tried to give one. He did not do it well.

When Lord Templeman said recently that the Trustee Savings Bank in effect belonged to the crown, the Government was obliged to explain why it was going ahead with the TSB flotation as if the bank belonged to no one. In his letter to James Ross, the recalcitrant Scottish depositor who has already been such a thorn in the Government's side, Mr Stewart explained.

No doubt it is a complex legal matter, but surely the country is entitled to know in detail - rather than in a few meagre and badly drafted paragraphs - what the Government's position is following the Templeman speech. The crucial distinction Mr Stewart makes is between Government and State. Lord Templeman said the TSB belonged to the State but, says Mr Stewart, that does not mean it belongs to the Government.

To a layman, the Treasury's position would seem to be that the Government did not own the TSB but that parliament had the power to assign ownership to the Government if it chose (which, in the event, it did not). This was because of the bank's status as property of the 'State', a concept the Treasury has still not defined. The explanation goes no further than the one given a week ago just after Lord Templeman's ruling.

If the State is not the Government, then what is it? If it is the Government after all, then the nation is being deprived of an asset worth considerably more than £1 billion. Any lingering doubts will be seized upon by the opposition which is eager to squeeze out the maximum embarrassment value from the issue.

That does not make the task of the opposition particularly easy. Parliament is in recess, there are two previous TSB Acts apparently supporting the Government's case (one passed by a Labour Government), and the TSB's own employees are strongly in favour of the flotation. But more important is the point that this is not a matter for madarins behind closed doors. It is a question of importance to the country and one in which, to judge by the response to the TSB's advertising, a very large number of people are taking an active interest.

BASE LENDING RATES table listing rates for various banks and services like ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, etc.

THE NEW EXCELL POCKETPHONE advertisement featuring an image of the phone and text describing its features: 'The smallest, lightest, most advanced cellphone in the world. THE ONLY CELLPHONE THAT IS APPROVED TO CHANGE NETWORKS AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON.'

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Our programmes also get a good reception in important markets like Canada and Japan, and the Yorkshire Television symbol is known in fifty seven other countries.

For example, the Sugdens from 'Emmerdale Farm' are not unfamiliar to the Svenssons in Sweden.

When the amber nectar fails to refresh the parts in Alice Springs, Keith Barron will always raise a few laughs in the comedy 'Duty Free'.

As well as picking up programme sales around the world, we've also been known to pick up a few awards along the way. Prestigious festivals in Berlin, New York, Monte Carlo and Tokyo have all honoured Yorkshire Television productions.

The presence of YTV is very much in evidence in

other foreign fields. Our television film crews have been working in such diverse places like the North Pole and South America.

One film crew has just completed the swash-buckling adventure 'West of Paradise' filmed entirely in the Seychelles.

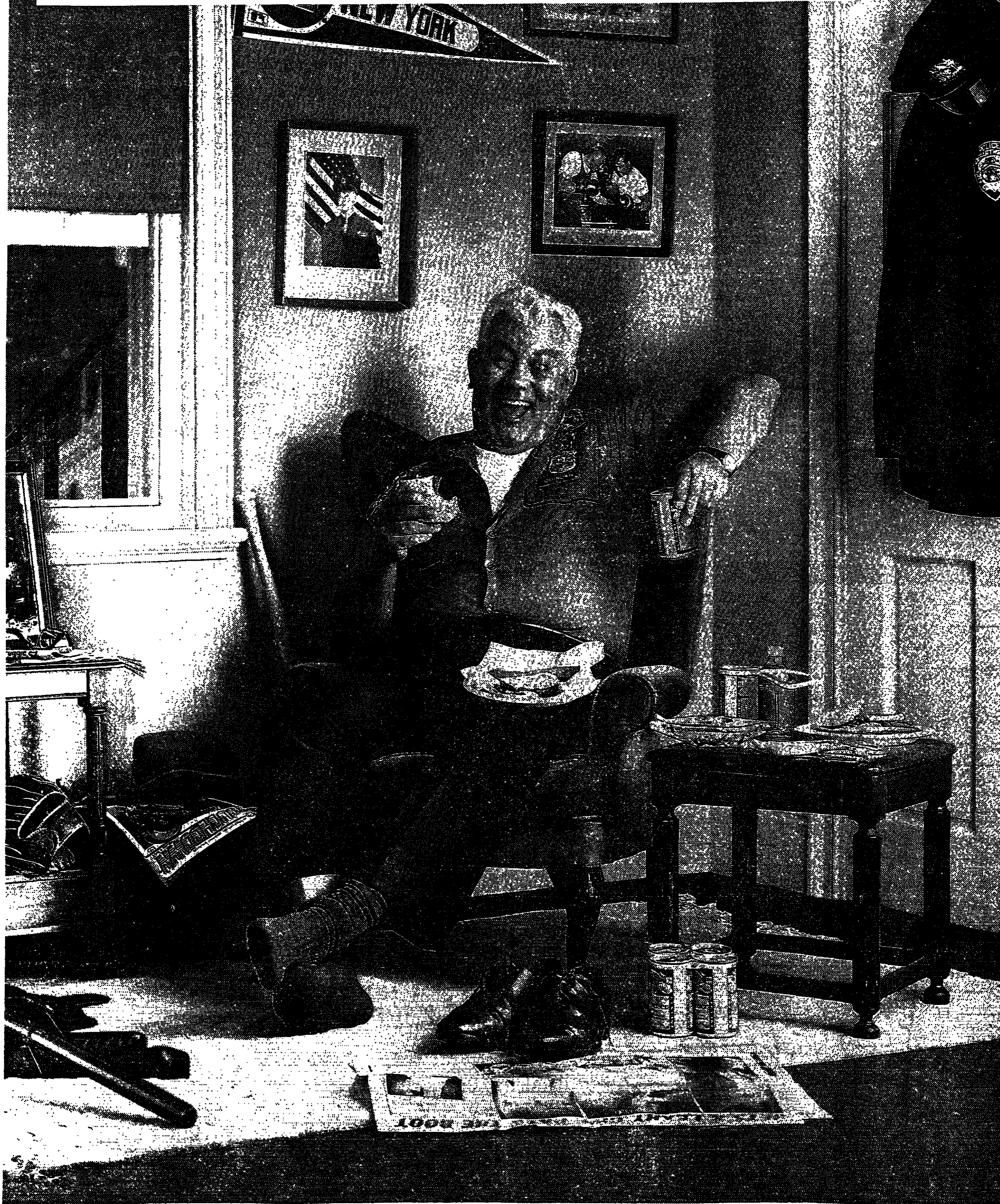
With such a commitment to more productions both at home and abroad, we aim to build on our success for the future.

And with a little help from the stars like Dirk Bogarde and Sir John Gielgud, the world will hear and see a lot more of Yorkshire Television.



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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for fund names, prices, and changes. Includes sub-sections like 'ALLIANCE UNIT TRUSTS', 'FACILITY UNIT TRUSTS', 'RETAIL UNIT TRUSTS', etc.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for company name, price, and change.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for company name, price, and change.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various goods like oil, metals, and grains.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table of financial trusts with columns for company name, price, and change.



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Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies and their performance.

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Weekly Dividend. Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

Table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Total. Shows weekly dividend breakdown.

BRITISH FUNDS

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists bank discount funds.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares bounce back

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end August 29. Contango day September 1. Settlement day September 8. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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Chips deal shakes Europe

Manufacturers in the computers and electronics sectors in Europe have been trying to assess the impact of the deal just concluded between the Japanese and the Americans over the price control of microchips.

The agreement signed between the Japanese and the Americans will give the US licence to monitor and influence prices and the destination of semiconductor products. The agreement allows the US to monitor the countries which they consider are ideal back doors for the Japanese to bring their products, in semiconductor or possibly computer form, into the US.

The Japanese government will encourage Japanese producers and users of semiconductor products to take advantage of the increased availability of foreign manufactured products in their market.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

The agreement is meant to protect the US market from semiconductors being dumped and destroying the basic fabric of one of the country's most important industries. But it has gone far further than that and could easily allow influence on price and design to be dictated to the rest of the world by the partnership if it were left unchallenged.

The 'virus' threat to defence secrets

A transfer fee to be paid to companies that have high-technology staff poached is one of the drastic solutions suggested by a study from the National Computing Centre on the shortage of skilled computer staff.

From Christopher Hanson in Washington

American scientists are struggling to protect computer networks - vital in areas ranging from national defence to banking and air traffic control - against a potentially devastating weapon called a computer virus.

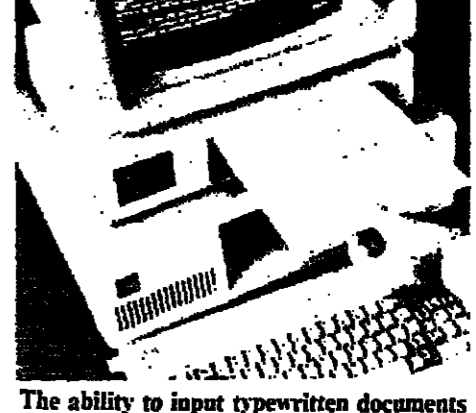
A fee to stop the poachers?

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Sixty-seven regarded the poaching of staff to be crippling their operations and growth plans, while 10 companies believe it is actually threatening their survival. However, while nearly three-quarters of the companies said training was the responsibility of an employer, more than half admitted they had no wish to take on adult trainees, whether part trained or not.

Not such a secret

Amstrad has finally set a date for the launch of its cheap IBM-compatible personal computer - September 2. The amount of information on it that has already been published must qualify it for the 'worst kept secret of the year' award, though it puts customers off buying a competitor's machine, Amstrad can't be too unhappy.

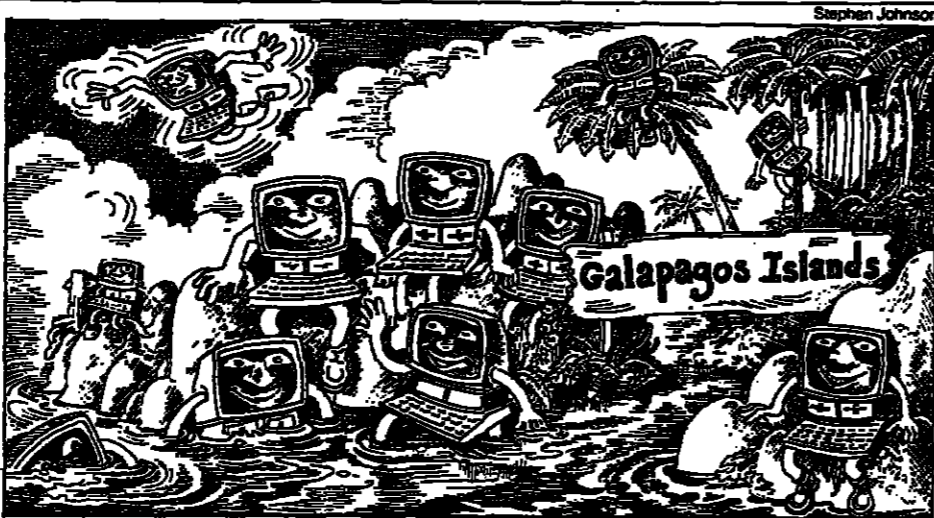


The ability to input typewritten documents directly into a personal computer without the need for time-consuming re-typing at a keyboard has been a fraught market despite a clear demand. Frequently the technology available has been far too expensive to be economic for general office use.

Taking a cue from Darwin

By Chris Naylor

Richard Forsyth has a theory that, just possibly, Charles Darwin might have stumbled on something worthwhile with his theory of evolution.



prime feature is that data are available on the subject but mere man has not as yet managed to work out a set of rules which enable the accurate prediction of some unknown item from the data.

Trying to sail against the common belief that you only get out of a computer what you put in, machine learning aims to present the computer with unassimilated data and get out something new. And that can be new knowledge, new rules, new ways of looking at the raw data we started with.

But how best to program a computer to do this? That's where Charles Darwin and Mr Forsyth see eye to eye for they both maintain that the natural way to learn is the evolutionary way based on mutation, mating, competition and survival of the fittest. True, the learning takes whole generations to produce results, but, in the world of computers, whole generations can pass in minutes.

Originally developed by Mr Forsyth while at the North London Polytechnic, and now marketed by his own firm Warm Book, the machine learning program is called Beagle. A passing tribute to Darwin's ship, Beagle is an acronym for Bionic Evolutionary Algorithm Generating Logical Expressions which, while lacking snap, is a name that nicely describes what it does once you've worked out what it means.

Like many a machine learning program, Beagle is presented with a set of example data and tries to work out the basic rules which underlie it. It figures out what rules would characterize this set of data uniquely, identifying this particular set of circumstances from some other.

Beagle, on being presented with data which is associated with some known outcome, kicks off by suggesting a rule which might just might, produce the required prediction. But, in all probability, this first rule will be but a pale shadow of generations of rules to come.

This is hardly surprising. After all, nature didn't get it right first time so why should a computer? What nature needed was a little evolution - and that's what Beagle uses too.

So the program may mutate the first rule to see if a mutated version gives a better result. And, if it doesn't, it may mate this mutated rule with the original rule to produce a new rule containing features of both to see how their offspring fares.

Mutating and mating, new generations of rules are spawned at machine speeds and then, as in all families, the fighting begins for the survival of the fittest. Each rule can be scored according to how accurate its predictions are on the test data and the fittest are those that do best. As each new generation is spawned those least fit are mercilessly killed and the fittest are mutated and mated again to produce new generations of the super-fit.

Giants join up on custom chips

Three multinational electronics giants have struck a trilateral agreement under which they will pool their talents in the development of semi-custom integrated circuits.

Germany's Siemens will jointly develop standard 'cell libraries' to make semi-conductors to customers' own requirements.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Violence, SAS style

The fad for violent computer games shows little sign of fading as far as some software houses are concerned and it seems the closer they come to a computerized version of real life the better.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Not so soothing

Embarrassed housing officials in Sedgley, West Midlands, have removed a recording of Home Sweet Home from a company telephone switchboard in their new offices.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

The £4,000 phone

Those who feel that British Telecom's standard charge for installing a telephone line, around £70, is too high should be thankful they do not live in Brazil.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Filtering Jaws

The Victor Company of Japan, JVC, has announced it will start selling the world's first three-dimensional videodiscs for home use in late September and will then release programmes at monthly intervals.

Events

- Personal Computer World Show, Olympia, London, September 3-7 (01-487 5831)
Visit 86 Recruitment Fair, Inter-Continental Hotel, Hyde Park, London, September 5-6 (01-840 7117)

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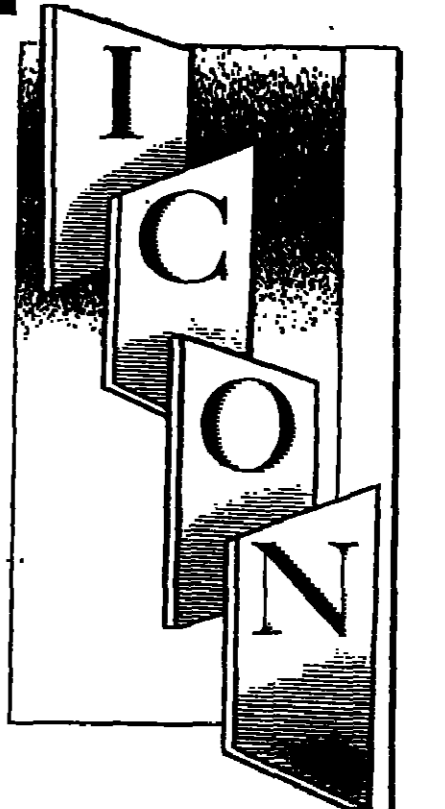
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Import ban belief need not be specific

Regina v Ellis and Street Regina v Smith (Gloria Marie)

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Ognall (Judgment given July 31) A person might be convicted of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of a prohibition on the importation of goods, contrary to section 170(2) of the Customs and Excise (Management) Act 1979... The court also dismissed the appeal of Gloria Marie Smith against Edward James O'Connor... In the House of Lords the real question related to the law on attempt.

Broker's security not illegal deposit

SCF Finance Co Ltd v Masri and Another

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Sir John Megaw (Judgment given July 16) If sums of money received by a broker in commodity and financial futures trading were referable to the giving of security for the provision of property or services by the broker, then his acceptance of such sums did not constitute a "deposit" within the meaning of the Banking Act 1979... The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by Mr Khalid Said Masri from Mr Justice Leggatt's judgment...

Garnishee within the jurisdiction

SCF Finance Co Ltd v Masri and Another (No 2)

Having regard to the provisions of section 11(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, applying for an order under Order 49, rule 1(1), it was enough for the garnishee (who was indebted to a judgment creditor) to be within the jurisdiction of the court when the garnishee order nisi was made by the court on the judgment creditor's application.

No costs from legal aid for second defendant

Laudan and Another v Purvis

Where in an action a legally aided defendant had lost the action was ordered to pay the costs of a second defendant who was not legally aided, the court had no power to order that the second defendant's costs be paid out of the legal aid fund under section 13 of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

Assessing lump sum

Collins v Collins

On an application for a lump sum under section 23(1)(c) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, the court in assessing the quantum of the lump sum should take account only of the factors set out in section 23(1)(a) and (b) as amended by the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.

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RACING: BALLOT SYSTEM FOR NOMINATION OF STALLIONS TO END IN DRIVE TO IMPROVE STANDARDS

Eligible breeders to be favoured by National Stud

By Michel Seely

The National Stud has decided to discontinue the ballot system for nomination of stallions to end in drive to improve standards...

challenging tasks as they strive to make the National Stud a centre of excellence...

Those qualifying will be given priority for the period September 1 to October 31...

More usual terms are for the first payment to be made in July and the second in October...

Among the board's many Western Dancer, the favourite to win next week's Totipot Handicap at York...

For whom the sky is simply the limit

Simon Barnes

It is not just a matter of flying straight at the sun and falling backwards out of the sky...

Bronze Opal to be another Balding gem

By Mandarin

Toby Balding, the affable Fyfield trainer, who recently landed one of the biggest winners of his training career...

Bronze Opal, like Green Ruby, was formerly trained by Alan Jarvis and both horses won't find their form soon...

As a two-year-old, Bronze Opal ran with promise against some top class performers...

The Tom Jones trained colt found that he had taken the runner-up's ground...



Allez Milford, seaside, who runs in Saturday's Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury for Guy Harwood

found that he had taken the runner-up's ground. Ardent Partner makes a quick reappearance after winning well at Brighton on Thursday...

Reg Hollinshead and Steve Perks can gain consolation in the Stretton Automatics with Pentad Hawk...

Western Dancer doubtful for repeat Ebor victory

Western Dancer, the favourite to win next week's Totipot Handicap at York for the second consecutive year...

setback like that is too close to the race for my liking. I want to make an early decision to save more people backing...

well again this season, having won the Ladbrokes Chester Cup in May...

Get On Geraghty beats best time for race

Get On Geraghty showed his liking for the Newcastle track when landing his second win there in two weeks...

overweight on the winner. The winner is one of 38 horses in training carrying the colours of Hippodrome...

BEVERLEY

Going: good to firm. Draw: 5f and above high numbers best. 2.30 WOODHALL WAU AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,851: 5f) (15 runners)...

FOLKESTONE

Going: good. Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best. 2.15 SANDLING SELLING HANDICAP (2704: 1m 2f) (11 runners)...

NOTTINGHAM

Going: good. Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best. 5.45 ARTIST PARTNER (6:15 Rosie's Glory, 6:45 Dollar Seeker, 7:15 Pentad Hawk, 7:45 Lost In France, 8:15 Music Minster)...

Folkestone selections

2.15 Nelson's Lady, 2.45 Orient Line, 3.15 Franchise, 3.45 Sarfiah, 4.15 Longstop, 4.45 BRONZE OPAL (nap)...

Newcastle results

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Today's course specialists

FOLKESTONE: G Harwood, 42 winners from 18 runners, 21.7% R. S. Simpson, 15 from 54, 27.8%...

Windsor

JOCKEYS: W. Salsburg, 18 winners from 127, 14.2%...

Nottingham

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KARATE

Experience is key to third title

By Nicolas Soames. Although there exists no apparent historical, physical or financial reason for it, no country has been able to match the sheer consistency of success achieved by Britain in the event of the world championships...

CRICKET

Walsh reaches wicket century against Middlesex

By Richard Streeton

CHELTEHAM: Gloucestershire, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 288 runs behind Middlesex... Walsh, Gloucestershire's spindly fast bowler from Jamaica, took his 100th wicket of the season yesterday...



Trevor Jesty on his way to an unbeaten 103 for Surrey at the Oval yesterday. (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

Jesty century as Surrey close in

By Peter Marson... Trevor Jesty made 103 not out as Surrey closed up behind Warwickshire at the Oval yesterday... The batsmen were kept close to the pitch but not yet dried out following rain during the night...

Villagers earn Lord's trip

Forge Valley, from North Yorkshire, beat the weather and Chaddesley Corbett on Sunday to book a date at Lord's on Sunday, August 24... The National Village Championships, sponsored by Norsk Hydro...

Natural sportsman who is thinking of hanging up his boots

Richard the Horse is the nickname the great wicketkeeper has coined for his son... "I'm a little concerned that they drive him like this," Walter said... He is the highly respected former New Zealand captain and President of recent years of his country's Cricket Council...



Hadlee: less than superhuman on the golf course... roadshow is coming to an end soon... He insists a final decision is yet to be taken... He is a natural sportsman as a child, according to his father, playing representative schoolboy rugby when 13 and keeping goal for the South Island schoolboy football team soon afterwards...

Host at a dinner

On Saturday night, hostilities at Trent Bridge having just ended, he played host to a hugely successful dinner... He is almost certain though that the Richard Hadlee

Lendl gets his revenge after thrashing at Wimbledon

Stratton Mountain, Vermont (AP) - Ivan Lendl's two-set victory over the Wimbledon champion, Boris Becker, was a classic study in concentration... Lendl, aged 26, was smooth and unrelenting on Sunday as he served and volleyed his way to a 6-4, 7-6 victory in the 14th Volvo international tournament...

Sacrifices yield huge reward

From a Correspondent, Cedar Valley, Ontario... Three months' leave from the Danish Civil Service to concentrate on the preparations for Cedar Valley proved worthwhile for Anne-Grethe Jensen, the new world champion... She put all her energies into this year's event...

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns: TENNIS, DRESSAGE, BOWLS, GOLF, BASEBALL, AMERICAN BASEBALL, NATIONAL LEAGUE, EAST DIVISION, WEST DIVISION, MOTOCROSS, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, POOLS FORECAST. Contains various sports results and fixtures.

Wimbledon great dies in hospital

Chuck McKinley, former Wimbledon tennis champion, died on Monday at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas... He was 45, McKinley had been ill for about 15 months and was suffering from a malignant brain tumor...

Miandad optimistic

Javed Miandad, aged 29, the Pakistan Test batsman, has made another appeal to Glamorgan to take him back on their playing staff... He was dismissed in April after failing to return to the club to fulfil his contract...

Wise mother

It was because Dayle damaged his toe moving the lawn that Richard played his first representative match... His mother told the selectors of her elder son's mishap, but advised them that she had another boy to replace him... He took one for 143, and it has been largely because of his originally much-criticised, shrewd approach, described by his country's leading cricket correspondent as a "pop gun run-up", that he has become so consistently unplayable...

Table with multiple columns: FOOTBALL, ROAD RACING, TODAY'S FIXTURES, ENTERTAINMENTS. Contains various sports results, fixtures, and entertainment listings.

Today's television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1 TV-AM 6.55 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.50, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55. 8.45 Timmy Mallett, assisted by pop singer Belouis Some.

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